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Application of

Applicant : Thomas A. Baudendistel
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 2, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

The examiner's rejection of claims 1-7, 13, and 14 as being "anticipated", under 35 U.S.C. 102, is respectively traversed. The examiner rejects these claims as being unpatentable over Richter. Claims 3-7 depend directly or indirectly from claim 2.

Claims 1, 2 (and therefore also claims 3-7), 13 and 14 require the flexing means 16 for flexing the first annular member 12 to be nonrotatable about the longitudinal axis 18 of the first annular member 12. Richter discloses, in Figure 9, a flexing means (the motor output part 32")